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GRAHAMSTOWN

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MOON TYPE BOOKS.
MUSIC.
TALKING BOOK RECORDS.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

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TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held in St. George's Hall on Tuesday, June 20th, 1944. Mr. T. B. Bowker, M.P., presided and called on the Secretary and Treasurer to read their reports.

Secretary's Report for 1943.

Patrons-in-Chief.—We regret the death of His Excellency, the Governor-General and that we have lost both of our Patrons-in-Chief, as Lady Duncan has resigned.

Council.—We have lost another friend through the death of Mr. McCrea, who was for some years our Hon. Treasurer. We are sorry that Father Ganley has left Grahamstown and has resigned from our Council. We welcome Miss Tilley who was nominated by Rhodes University College.

Auditor.—We are very grateful for the services of our Hon. Auditor, Mr. E. A Wagstaff.

Visitors.—We were very pleased that his Honour the Administrator and Mrs. van Zyl came to see the Library last November. The Cape Provincial Council was the first public body to make a grant-in-aid to the Library and has continued to do so ever since. Sir Frederic de Waal came to Grahamstown in 1923. Mr. D. J. van Wyk (Organising Secretary of the S.A. National Council for the Blind) visited the Library when he was touring the Eastern Province to get first-hand knowledge of the work and needs of the affiliated societies. Mr. Olivier (Social Welfare Officer) inspected our books and accounts and expressed his pleasure in the way they were kept. Other interested visitors were one of the assistant librarians from the Capetown University now stationed at No. 44 Air School and one of the assistant librarians on leave from the Johannesburg Library.

Liberty Cavalcade.—At the invitation of the Port Elizabeth Civilian Blind Society, we sent an exhibit of books, magazines, maps, etc., and the President, Mrs. Marks, wrote that they proved an endless source of interest to the public. Two of our readers took it in turns to demonstrate Braille writing.

Braille and Moon Books, Magazines and Music.—At the end of the year, we had 9,511 volumes of books and music. We get 37 magazines, mostly from overseas, taking several extra copies of the most popular. Two magazines are produced in this country. We subscribe £20 towards the production expenses of the monthly bilingual one at Worcester. The other quarterly one is brailled by one of our readers, Mr. Allwright. It is the "Johannesburg Braille Club Magazine." It is appreciated by all but especially by readers who have difficulty in reading the closely interpointed magazines produced by machinery. (Unfortunately, through illness one number had to be omitted.) Mr. Allwright gives two copies to the library. In the year 6,788 magazines were issued. Several readers have expressed the pleasure they have in reading topical articles, but there are magazines to suit all tastes. Some contain cross-word puzzles, knitting patterns, book reviews and short stories Special subjects have special magazines including religion, music, science, chess and massage. The weekly newspapers are not in so

much demand owing to long gaps between mails from England. Maps of the war zones are eagerly awaited.

Comparatively few new Braille books were procurable from England but we replaced a lot of old favourites. There was a steady supply of Braille "Pandas" (corresponding to printed "Penguins"). Among these were "France" by Pierre Maillard, "That Bad Man" by Wickham Steed, and some detective stories, including Agatha Christie's "Five Little Pigs." We bought a number of Grade I books for beginners, helpful for the newly blinded men learning Braille at Tembani. We placed a large order for books from America, some of which have come. Songs for children and other music were bought by special request. Among Moon books bought was du Maurier's "Frenchman's Creek."

Circulation.—Miss Krause and Miss Levick sent out 7,502 volumes in addition to the magazines. We are always pleased to lend music and books for study purposes. Some students are careful to ask permission to extend the time limit, but others need constant reminders. Besides five schools and institutions using the Library, there are 298 individual borrowers. In reply to a criticism that it is a small number compared to the thousands of registered blind in the country, I noticed a little while ago that there are 174 libraries for sighted people in the Cape Province and only 3 per cent. of the population use them. Our percentage is considerably higher especially when we include the talking book readers.

Letters, Parcels, etc.—Miss Blackwell sent out many letters, postcards, parcels of needles, paper, etc. She is the keeper of the purse and all accounts go through her hands. She has not taken leave for over two years. This is partly owing to the difficulties of travelling. Mrs. von Linsingen has given us help when some of the staff have had leave.

Gifts.

The Worcester School has sent us another complete Afrikaans Bible in 74 volumes. The Guild of Church Braillists sent many books including "The Screw Tape Letters." Mr. Cruse sent exam. music. Mr. Brookes and Mr. Schermbrucker extra copies of Pandas and others have sent extra magazines and books of their own. In Moon type, the Secretary-General of the National Institute for the Blind, London, gave us a copy of "Front Line." This was produced at his own expense and is an account of the London blitz. Leslie Weatherhead's "Jesus and Ourselves" in four Moon type volumes was presented by the Women's Work Association and the Home Reading Union (Cambridge and East London branches) as a fitting memorial to one of their members, Mrs. Eleanor Griffin, who died at the age of 82 and keenly felt the loss of her sight.

Transcribers.—Our voluntary transcribers have done a number of books which have been bound at Worcester. Father Millard, "Mr. Evans" (Allington) two vols., "Battle" (Churchill's Life) two vols., "The Free Fishers" (Buchan) four vols., "Escape from Burmah" (P. G. G. Salkeld) one vol. Mrs. Ratsey, "The Turbulent Duchess" (Orczy) five vols., "The Snow Goose" (Gallico) one vol. Mrs. Rose Innes, "The Spinner in the Sun," three vols. Miss Watson, recopied "Captain Desmond, V.C.," six vols., "If Youth but Knew," four vols. Mrs.

Vernal has been teaching and transcribing. Mrs. Leach has corrected work for the Tembani men. Mrs. von Ginkel did religious pamphlets. Mrs. Varder continues braille correspondence with the blind rangers and gives us any special news of them and their work.

Talking Books.—In 1943, Mrs. Bodmer sent out 19,255 records and 73 were broken in the post. There are 60 individual readers and five societies and schools. The number reading in societies varies, for instance, the men at St. Dunstan's, Tembani, come and go. Many have returned to England and several have been settled in billets in this country. If only we could obtain more machines from England, there are many people longing to buy them. I again urge those who can read braille with ease to sell their machines to some of the less fortunate blind persons who cannot read by touch. We have had new records and replacements from England and America, altogether 643 bringing the total number of records at the end of the year to 5,048 (331 books). Some English records were badly warped in a specially long voyage but with helpful advice from Mr. Wiggin we treated them and most of them were sufficiently improved to be usable. Among our new books are "Mrs. Minniver," "Sweet Thames, Run Softly" and "Testament of Friendship." Mr. James le Roux gave us 15 Linguaphone Language Records (lessons in elocution—some Bible readings). Also four records of piano instructions in modern syncopation.

Afrikaans Records. Owing to war conditions the production of these has been held up.

Needles.—We are anxious as to how long the supply of Dura gold needles will hold out. These are the only needles that will last for one side of a record, that is for 20 to 25 minutes.

Records for Blind Lepers.—We have made another gift of over £10 worth of records to the blind lepers at West-fort, Pretoria: Eight books (97 records) were sent The National Institute for the Blind in London made a reduction in price on these records The Government has appointed a committee of management to look after the interests of the patients. Mr. Armstrong (Toe H) was on this committee and was able to report to us but has been transferred to Bloemfontein.

Readers.—Miss Watson's activities are many. Besides recopying worn out Braille books for us, she has taught Braille to the blinded soldiers at Tembani. They affectionately call her "Auntie Watson." She is helping other readers to pass their Braille tests. We offer her our congratulations on being elected President of the Capetown Civilian Blind Society and also Chairman of their Welfare Society. Mr. Meaker helped us by testing some warped records on his machine. He kindly brailles playing cards for readers, that is when we can get the cards. (We should welcome gifts of playing cards in good condition for this purpose.) Mr. Denny and Mr. Mason have been of great help to the new St. Dunstan's men. Mr. H. Stayt has been acting as recruiting officer. We get news of these from that delightful paper The Tembani Times. Mr. Eduard Venter (Bethulie) sent eight pupils in for music exams. All passed, two with honours and three with honourable mention. Mr. Walter Cohen has passed his M.A. with distinction and has again been recommended for the

Ellam's cup and bursary to enable him to continue his University course. We were able to lend him many books for his studies and we also lent some to the Worcester School for their matric students.

The Margo-Hugo School for the Blind, Southern Rhodesia. — Miss Hugo borrowed religious magazines and we gave her nine books of the Bible. She has 55 blind pupils and five blind teachers and two sighted ones. The pupils are taught to make brooms, mats, haskets, some simple pottery and cookery as well as knitting and singing They have a company of blind Wayfarers.

Blind Rangers—Chrissie Guard wrote a play which was broadcast from the Capetown Studio. She is writing another for the Light House Club celebrations. She helps several people with Braille. Several of the rangers are busy knitting and some of them sent two rugs and other articles to a sale got up by the Grahamstown Guides for war funds. Jannette Coetzee is knitting for soldiers and for the Navy League. Some rangers have gone to live at the Women's After-Care Home at Worcester. They appreciate having people come to read aloud to them. Miss Herring has got her Blind Ranger Test for Braille and is now working for the National Institute Transcriber's Test. Bertha Stander is a telephone operator at Brookes' Lemos Works.

Provident Fund.

We have long felt the need of some pension fund for the members of our staff who have given such willing service for many years to the Library. They started with merely nominal salaries and two of them have been with me over twenty years. They were not eligible for the pension scheme started by the S.A. National Council for the Blind so in 1942, a small Provident Fund was started. This year, one of our readers, Mr. Samuel Thomson, expressed a wish to do something for the Library and after some correspondence with Mr. Espin, he undertook to try and raise money for the Provident Fund for the staff. He approached the big mining houses and leading men and firms in Johannesburg and elsewhere and up-to-date is having generous response to his appeal. The results will appear in the 1944 statement. Mr. Thomson is one of our patrons. It is difficult to express our thanks for his splendid help and interest. We are very grateful to those who have responded to his appeal. The money is being invested in Post Office Savings Bank Certificates.

Acknowledgments.

We are grateful to all who have helped us, for grants-in-aid from the Social Welfare Department, the four Provincial Councils, two Divisional Councils, three Municipalities and to other public bodies and societies including the Rhodesian Society for the Blind. We have had a street collection arranged locally by the Women's League of Help and a share of other collections. We received a share of the Ross bequest. The Molteno Girl Guides sent us their annual collection. Schools have helped us. The Johannesburg High School for Girls, Barnato Park gave a generous subscription from their Library Section. Locally, Macdonald House (V.G.H.S.) again got up a successful entertainment for our funds, the D.S.G. gave a donation, the St. Andrew's boys bought badges made by

Miss Nonie Mullins and friends. We received the interest on our Dixon Trust Fund. Many public libraries have collecting boxes and help substantially. St. Dunstan's and the S.A. National Council for the Blind each contribute money for talking books and equipment. We appreciate all this help and we should like to express special thanks to the local Press, the Standard Bank, the E.P. Guardian Loan and Investment Company and not least to the officials of the Grahamstown Post Office. On making inquiries lately, we find that the Library fills at least three extra mail bags daily and often more.

Financial Report.

The Treasurer, Lieut.-Colonel B. M. Fuller, read the financial report as follows:

I have very much pleasure in presenting the financial statement for the year 1943. After nine consecutive years of deficits we have achieved a surplus. It is frequently said by persons of experience in these matters, that no charitable concern can hope to succeed and expand unless it runs on a deficit and that would certainly appear to apply to this good work. Nine years ago our income was £720; this year it is £1,156. Nine years ago our capital amounted to £4,824; this year it amounts to £7,885. Certainly nothing succeeds like success.

As regards our income and expenditure for the year under review the following are the salient points. Under the heading of donations, subscriptions and collections we have received £116 more than in the previous year, this is certainly a record increase for a year. Grants from Provincial Councils include this year a very welcome one of £25 from the Orange Free State. On the other hand our rents are £20 down.

On the expenditure side salaries and wages are £57 and advertising, printing and stationery are £24 higher against which depreciation, calculated at the same rate as before, is £12 lower and the initial contribution to the staff provident fund does not recur. The balance, therefore, for this year is a surplus of £58 as against a deficit of £21 last year.

Turning to our balance sheet, our capital has been increased by the Ross bequest amounting to £283, talking book donations and gift books amounting to £110 and the surplus of £58 already referred to. This is reflected in our assets by an additional £300 invested and an increase of £250 in our cash and bank balances.

In conclusion, I think that the meeting will agree with me, that the statement reveals a very healthy state of affairs, that this good work has a firm foundation and can look forward to helping the blind for many years to come.

Mr. Bowker in moving the adoption of the two reports said, "We all deeply appreciate Miss Wood's able report and record of the magnificent work which she and her staff have rendered during the past year, and Colonel Fuller's carefully drawn up financial statement showing the long awaited credit balance. I feel that we should show our pride in our Library for the Blind in a more tangible form now that men are daily sacrificing their sight for us. We cannot restore sight to those who live in darkness but we can at least provide sufficient Braille books and Talking Book Records for their use. I am grateful for having been selected to preside here to-day. It is a great honour. I should like

on your behalf to add a special vote of thanks to our Hon. Secretary our Hon. Treasurer and to the staff. Thanks are due to many who have helped us and specially to Mr. Thomson who has done such admirable work in building up our Provident Fund."

Mr. Bowker then read the following account compiled by a member of the Council:

This year is the 25th anniversary of the South African Library for the Blind. Unknown to most people, it has despatched in 25 years over 100,000 volumes, and in eight years 80,000 records. The blind receive these free, having to pay only the postage which the kindness of the Postmaster-General brings to 1d. a volume. This great work began in a small way. About 100 books and pamphlets, a Braille machine and some lessons in Braille were given to a Grahamstown lady, Miss J. Wood. Single-handed she distributed these volumes to 18 readers. Then the National Library for the Blind in London presented 60 volumes and offered others on loan, while the National Institute for the Blind gave 166 volumes. Kind helpers, Miss Krause and Miss Blackwell (both still members of the staff) came forward and kept the work going till 1924, when it was placed on a safer basis by the formation of the "Council of the South African Library for the Blind." The Bannerman bequest of £1,500 enabled the Council to find a new home for the Library at "Bannerman House," which was opened by Mr. Advocate Bowen on August 26, 1925. The generous co-operation of the Johannesburg Library, the Durban Library and the Worcester School for the Blind made the Grahamstown Library the headquarters of all Library work for the blind in South Africa. Thereupon the Carnegie Trust of New York granted £1,200 to assist the work; part of this paid off the bond on the buildings so that the Library now owned its own house. But the furnishing was another matter. When the first talking books were bought in 1935 the Library had over 5,000 volumes. Seven years later it had 7,000 and nearly 300 complete talking books. This expansion was helped by various gifts: A further £999 from the Carnegie Trust, the Godlonton bequest of £500, the Struben bequest of £250, the Sherry bequest of £50, and the Howard and Oakley bequests of £250 each.

Two bequests, the Ellen Wisely of £50 and the Helen Robertson of £10 as well as a gift of £50 from Miss G. E. Edwards, were spent on having special books put into Braille.

It has been the continuous policy of the Council to endeavour to meet ordinary expenditure out of income and to keep bequests for further expansion. Income means the contributions of some public bodies and of private persons, and the treasurer usually announces a deficit which is not too considerable. But if the work is to keep pace with the needs of the blind, there must be greater support from the public. There are 1,400 registered European blind in South Africa; we know not how many unregistered. It is impossible to compute the number of blind natives.

There are upwards of 300 readers using the Library. The Council would like to reach all those others, to develop its resources till there are books and talking books within the reach of all. The Library has English books and records; it has Afrikaans books and records, including

the Braille Afrikaans Bible in 75 volumes. It bas works on religion, poetry, novels and detective stories, music, text-books. It has enabled some students to matriculate and take their degree by means of books brailled in South Africa or borrowed from the London library. But the number of the blind will increase owing to the war. All should have books and talking books within their reach in Afrikaans, English and the Bantu languages.

Devoted Helpers.

For 25 years the Library has endeavoured to meet the needs of the blind, or rather one great-hearted lady, assisted by devoted helpers has done this: for, in the words of the Chairman at the last annual meeting, "if anyone deserves well of this country it is Miss Wood, because the Library for the Blind, as it stands here in Grahamstown, is due to one woman, and that is Miss Wood." It is the hope of the Council that many who have not hitherto realised the needs of the blind and what can be done to assist them, will help to shoulder the burden. Contributions of money are welcome, but much else can be done. Bring to the notice of the blind and of those who care for them the joy they can have in the use of the Library. Those who have enforced leisure can learn Braille to enable them to teach the blind and to help in the manufacture of Braille script, a thing which many already do. Pressure can be brought on public bodies to assist those who are caring for the blind in their areas. All can at least think of the blind, sympathise with them, determine to do something to bring joy into their lives. One of them has written: "Probably no one who has not loved books and then lost them, can realise what it means to us to recover through Braille the kingdom from which we are exiled."

The reports were adopted, Mr. C. C. Currey seconding.

On the motion of Mr. Jacques, Mr. Bowker was thanked for presiding.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, GIFTS

From January 1st to December 31st, 1943.

	£	s.	d.
Adendorff, Mr. J. C.		5	0
Allen, Mrs.		10	0
Anonymous, Alice	1	1	0
Anonymous, Delmas	1	11	6
Anonymous, Grahamstown	5	0	0
Anonymous "O"	1	0	0
Anonymous Visitor		5	0
Apthorp, Major M. G.	1	1	0
Apthorp, Miss	1	0	0
Archbishop, His Grace the (of Cape Town)	2	0	0
Ayliff, Miss Rose		5	0
A.W.	5	0	0
Barratt, Mrs.	1	12	6
Baumann, Mr.	1	0	0
Beves, Mrs.	1	1	6
Blore, Mrs.		7	6
Bond, Mrs. Bevis	5	0	0
Bond, Mr. & Mrs. W. P.	1	1	0
Brevis, Mr. P. G.		10	0
Britton, Mr. F. H.	1	1	0
Brookes, Mrs.		10	0
Broome, Mr.		10	6
Brown, Mrs. Crewe		13	0
Brunsdon, Miss S. E.	1	4	0
Buys, Mr. A.		2	6
C.J.B.		2	6
Carlisle, Miss D.	1	1	0
Castleyn, Miss E.		10	0
Creswick, Mrs.		10	0
Christie, Mr. & Mrs. C.	2	2	0
Cilliers, Mrs. C. J.		5	0
Cockerton, Mrs.	2	2	0
Coetzee, Miss R. A.		10	0
Cogan, Miss A. M.	1	1	0
Cohen, Mr. W.		10	0
Copeman, Mrs.	1	0	0
Darbyshire, Miss B. I.	1	1	0
Davies, Miss E. B.		10	0
Despland, Mr. D. H.	2	2	0
Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. W. G.	4	0	0
Douglas, Mrs. R.		4	0
Drury, Mrs. Dru	2	2	0
Dunn, Mr. F. T.	2	0	0
Du Plessis, Miss D.		5	0
Espin, Mr. C. E.	1	0	0
Ford, (Miss Mona	5	0	0
Gair, Mr. T.		10	0
Gant, Mr. & Mrs. C. S.	1	1	0
Garnett, Mrs.	1	0	0
Gasson, Mrs.	1	1	0
Glazebrook, Mrs.		5	0
Godlonton, Captain B. G.	5	0	0
Godlonton, Miss E.	5	0	0
Gordon, Peter		10	0
Graham, Mrs. Mary	2	0	0
Graham, Miss E.	1	0	0
Greathead, Miss		6	0
Greathead, Miss Juel		5	0
Green, Miss B.		5	0
Greener, Miss F.		10	0
Grigson, Mrs. M.	1	1	0
Guard, Miss C.		10	6
Hall, Miss A.	1	0	0
Hall, Miss G.	1	0	0
Harris, Mr. L. M.	11	5	0
Hayton, Mrs.		5	0
Herbst, Miss B.		10	0
Herley, Mr. W. W.		10	0
Hewitt, Dr. & Mrs. J.	1	1	0
Higginson, Miss M.		2	6
Holmes, Mrs. Bernard	1	0	6
Impey, Mrs. B. H.	2	2	6
Jacques, Rev. G. H. P.	1	1	0
Jeffrey, Miss		2	6
Joubert, Mrs.		10	6
Johnston, Mrs.		2	0
Kahn, Mr. S.		15	0
Kidger, Mr. C. E.	1	1	6
Kruger, Mr. J. C.	1	2	6
Lamb, Miss A. F.	2	2	0
Lawrence, Miss W.		10	0
Lefebvre, Mrs.	1	0	0
Le Roux, Mr. E. H.	5	5	0
Lestrade, Professor G. P.	2	2	0
Levin, Mr. F.	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Lilienfeld, Mrs.	2	2	0
Littler, Mr. J.	5	5	0
Louw, Mrs.		4	0
Lundie, Mr. L.	2	2	6
MacGillivray, Messrs. C. R. and W.	2	2	0
MacHutcheon, Mrs.		2	0
McKiernin, Mr. H. W.	1	1	0
McKinnon, Mrs.		10	0
McPherson, Miss J.	1	0	0
Malherbe, Miss W.		1	0
Mardell, Mrs.	1	1	6
Markham, Mrs.	1	0	0
Marillier, Miss E. F.	1	0	0
Matthew, Mr. H. M.	1	0	0
Miles, Mrs. Talbot		2	6
Moody, Miss		2	6
Mullins, Miss and Helpers (Sale of Rosettes)	3	13	0
Mullins, Mrs. R. C.	1	0	0
Nicholas, Mr. D. L.	1	0	0
Oliver, Miss E.		10	0
Ossher, Mr. & Mrs. A. A.		10	6
Paddon, Mrs. J. H.	2	0	0
Palmer, Brig. Gen. C. C.	2	2	0
Parker, Mr. V.	1	0	0
Parsons, Mrs.	1	0	0
Pearse, Miss E. R.		10	0
Pienaar, Mr. J. J.	1	0	0
Price, Miss R. L.		7	6
Queate, Mr.		10	0
Ratsey, Mrs.	1	0	0
Reed, Mrs. J. E.		10	0
Reeler, Mr. & Mrs.	1	1	0
Rhodes, Mrs.		10	0
Ritchie, Mr. T. P.	1	1	0
Robb, Mr. D.		6	0
Rousseau, Prof. & Mrs. I. J.	1	1	0
Rust, Miss A.		10	0
Scheuble, Mr. A. E.	5	5	0
Schutte, Miss B.		2	6
Sleading and Tidmarsh, the Misses	1	1	0
Smith, Mrs. A.		5	0
Smith, Miss Town	1	10	0
Sprigg, Miss J.		10	0
Stephen, Mr. M.		2	0
Stidolph, Miss M.	1	0	0
Stofberg, Mr. J. A.		7	6
Strachan, Mrs. M. A.	4	4	6
Thomas, Dr. & Mrs. Smeath	1	1	0
Thomson, Mr. Samuel	10	0	0
Tribolet, Mrs.	1	1	0
Twine, Mr. P. J.		10	0
Van der Spuy, Miss A.		10	0
Van Niekerk, Mr. C. W.	1	0	0
Van Niekerk, Miss M.		2	6
Van Rooyen, Miss A.		10	0
Van Velden, Mr. A. C.	1	1	0
Varder, Mrs.		10	0
Venter, Miss A.		5	0
Venter, Mr. E.	1	0	0
Venter, C., and Coetzee, M., the Misses		15	0
Vernal, Mrs.	1	1	0
Verrynne, Miss H.		3	0
Verster, Miss I.		3	0
Vincent, Mrs.		10	0
Vyvyan, Mrs.	2	2	0
Wallis, Mrs. H.	2	10	0
Westley, Mr. A. J.		10	6
White, Mrs. F. R.	2	2	0
White, Mrs. J.		10	0
Whyte, Miss L.		10	6
Whitney, Miss V.		10	0
Wiles, Mr. & Mrs. C. C.		10	0
Willmott, Miss		10	0
Wood, Mrs. Henry	1	1	0
Wood, Miss B.	1	1	0
Wyche, Rev. Canon	2	2	0
Street Collections.			
Aliwal North, per S.A.N.C.B.	5	8	0
Grahamstown	33	18	2
Girl Guides.			
Molteno	1	2	6
Schools.			
Diocesan School for Girls, Grahamstown	5	0	0
Johannesburg High School for Girls, Barnato Park	8	10	0
Victoria Girls' High School (Macdonald House)	8	12	0

	£	s.	d.
Societies.			
Grahamstown Bowling Club (Tribe Pairs)	5	2	6
Gwatyn - Bolotwa Ladies (per Mrs. de Wet)	2	0	0
Gwatyn - Bolotwa Ladies (per Mrs. Weir)	8	13	6
East London Society for the Blind	5	5	0
Home Reading Union, East London (per Mrs. Duffy)	2	0	0
Jewish Helping Hand Society (Pretoria)	1	1	0
Johannesburg Civilian Blind Society (1942-3)	10	10	0
National Reading Union (per Mrs. Booty)	2	2	0
Rhodesian Society for the Blind, 1942-3	15	15	0
Suid Afrikaanse Vroue Federasie, Nelspruit	7	2	6
The Staff, Main Store, Randfontein....	1	12	0
Wynberg Reading Circle (per Miss M. Jones)	1	1	6
Public Libraries and other Collecting Boxes.			
Aliwal North	9	1	0
Barberton	1	5	0
Bedford....	2	0	0
Benoni	2	10	0
Bloemfontein		10	0
Boksburg	2	4	0
Ceres		16	0
Colesberg	2	5	0
East London	3	0	0
Ermelo....	1	10	0
Grahamstown Public Library	1	11	5
Idutywa (Standard Bank)		6	6
Kimberley	1	1	0
King William's Town....	2	16	0
Kokstad....		10	0
Ladysmith, Natal	1	1	0
Malmesbury		5	0
Middelburg, Cape....	2	14	6
Oudtshoorn	1	12	0
Paarl	1	3	8
Pietermaritzburg	2	2	0
Port Alfred		6	0
Port Elizabeth and Staff..	3	15	0
Pretoria, State Library	1	7	3
Queenstown	1	19	0
Rondebosch....	2	5	0
Simonstown	1	13	0
Swellendam		2	0
Uitenhage	1	6	8
Umtata		5	0
Wellington		13	3
Witbank Club, Witbank ..	1	15	0
Wynberg	1	12	0
	£387	11	5
Bequest.			
Ross Bequest	283	7	4
Grants for Talking Book Equipment.			
St. Dunstan's African Committee (per Mrs. Chadwick Bates)	50	0	0
S. African National Council for the Blind	50	0	0
	£100	0	0
Provincial Councils. Grants-in-Aid.			
Cape Province	100	0	0
Transvaal....	100	0	0
Natal	50	0	0
O.F.S.	25	0	0
	£275	0	0
Social Welfare. Grant-in-Aid.			
Social Welfare	200	0	0
Municipalities.			
Grahamstown	10	0	0
Johannesburg	10	0	0
Queenstown	2	2	0
	£22	2	0
Divisional Councils.			
Albany	5	0	0
Port Elizabeth....	10	0	0
	£15	0	0

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